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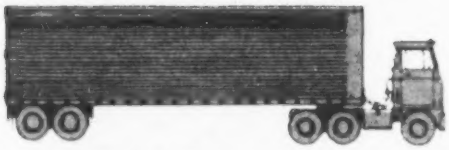

MONTHLY TRUCK TONNAGE REPORT

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TONNAGE INDEX DECREASES IN AUGUST

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The adjusted monthly truck tonnage index fell 6.0 points in August 1992 from July 1992 according to the ATA Truck Tonnage Index. At a level of 203.8(p) with 1967 = 100, the August tonnage index is 2.9% below July's 209.8(r). The current month's adjusted index is 11.2 points (5.8 percent) above the year-ago level in August 1991.

The actual tons reported by motor carriers in the ATA survey decreased 0.4% to 7.65 million tons in August from 7.68 million tons in July 1992. Adjustments for variations due to seasonality and the number of working (trading) days decreased the August index level to 203.8(p).

From July 1992, to August 1992, the Industrial Production index fell 0.5% compared to the adjusted general freight tonnage index decrease of 2.9%.

These findings were announced today by the American Trucking Associations (ATA) Statistical Analysis Department. The monthly truck tonnage index is based on a survey of the company-wide operations of motor carriers of general freight.

Month-to-month data are compiled using a chain link which, in turn, has been adjusted to remove the normal seasonal influence and variations due to differing numbers of business (trading) days each month.

The current and historic index numbers are shown on the reverse side, along with several other major business indicator series. A "three-month moving average" adjusted truck tonnage index has also been compiled which aids in smoothing out short term non-significant movements in the series.

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INDEXES AND COMPARISONS THROUGH AUGUST, 1992

1967 = 100

	AUG 1992	JULY 1992	JUNE 1992	AUG 1991	Monthly % Change 07/92 06/92	Monthly % Change 08/92 07/92	Yearly % Change
Tonnage Index (adjusted) [1]	203.8p	209.8r	201.5f	192.6f	+ 4.1	- 2.9	+ 5.8
Tonnage Index (unadjusted)	205.7p	206.5r	212.1f	196.2f	- 2.6	- 0.4	+ 4.8
Industrial Production Index [2,5] (total)	108.6	109.2	108.5	108.0	+ 0.6	- 0.5	+ 0.6
Manufacturers (total)	109.6	110.0	109.6	108.4	+ 0.3	- 0.3	+ 1.1
Non-durable	110.5	111.2	111.1	109.1	+ 0.1	- 0.7	+ 1.3
Durable	108.9	109.0	108.4	107.8	+ 0.5	- 0.0	+ 1.0
Producer Price Index [3] (unadjusted)	123.5	123.7	123.7	121.6	+ 0.0	- 0.2	+ 1.5
Consumer Price Index [4] (unadjusted)	140.9	140.5	140.2	136.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	+ 3.1
Tonnage Reported by 92 Carriers in AUG., 1992 (000 tons)	7,651	7,682	n.a.	7,605	n.a.	- 0.4	+ 0.6

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1 - Adjusted seasonally & for trading days
2 - Seasonally adjusted
3 - Finished goods (formerly Wholesale Price Index) 1982 = 100
4 - Goods and services 1982 high 1984 = 100
5 - 1987=100

* The AUG. 1991 tonnage figure is taken from current reports received from carriers (AUG. 1992) and bears no relationship to the tonnage indices shown above.

ADJUSTED MONTHLY TRUCK INDEX -- HISTORICAL -- 1967 = 100

	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
January	154.0	175.5	175.8	169.5	178.7	196.0
February	160.3	173.2	171.8	170.6	174.8	193.9
March	161.2	176.4	168.3	175.0	169.2	198.3
April	158.2	177.6	175.7	175.5	180.2	202.8
May	160.0	178.3	170.6	176.4	176.8	202.6
June	160.1	182.0	169.3	175.1	176.2	201.5
July	162.7	176.1	161.7	176.9	188.0	209.8r
August	164.1	176.0	165.6	180.9	189.5	203.8p
September	168.2	178.2	166.0	176.5	188.2	
October	169.2	177.6	165.4	179.0	189.6	
November	173.0	177.3	164.7	176.1	189.4	
December	173.9	178.6	167.6	166.2	185.0	

* all data are final unless otherwise noted.

Three Month Moving Average of Adjusted Truck Tonnage Index for Recent Months

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1990	169.1	171.7	173.7	175.6	175.7	176.1	177.6	178.1	178.8	177.2	173.8	173.7
1991	173.2	174.2	174.7	175.4	177.7	180.3	184.6	188.6	189.1	189.1	188.0	190.1
1992	191.6	196.1	198.3	201.2	202.3	204.6r	205.0p					

The moving average aids in smoothing out less significant monthly variations.